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Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO before the Labor and Public Employees Committee

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Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee,

I am Lori Pelletier and I serve as the Executive Secretary- Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO. I am here to testify on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women from every city and town in our great state in opposition of:

Proposed S.B. No. 108 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF ARBITRATION PANELS TO COMPROMISE WHEN RULING ON MUNICIPAL CONTRACT DISPUTES. (LAB)

We oppose. By allowing the arbitrator to make their own decision regardless of last, best and final gives no incentive for either side to actually get to that last, best and final. It does however give incentive to come to a stalemate long before you would under current rules. With less than 5% of public employee contracts going to arbitration why would we want to create this problem?

We appreciate the committee holding this public hearing.

Respectfully,

Lori J. Pelletier

Executive Secretary- Treasurer, Connecticut AFL-CIO

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